

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes – Pending Approval

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, February 17, 2011
Time	8am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Salt Lake County Youth Services, 177 West Price Ave.
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Chari Brummer, Adam Cohen, Gini Highfield, Max Jackson, James Marchel, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Maria Garciaz, Spencer Larsen, Judge Michie, Russ Van Vleet
Members Absent	Karen Crompton, Craig Dearden, Patrick Gracia, Princess Gutierrez, Kaisa Kinikini, Troy Rawlings
Staff	Reg Garff, Cuong Nguyen Visitors: Matt Davis
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Adam Cohen called the meeting to order. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 2011 meeting. Chari Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Adam Cohen indicated that Morgan Lawson has regrettably resigned from the Board due to schedule conflicts that prevented her from full participation.</p>
Agenda Item	Committee and Other Reports
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – 1,142 essays were received. (791 last year) 468 Boys and 628 Girls 2,927 students participate in discussions of youth violence (1,513 last year) 37 teachers participated (18 last year) 29 schools participated (12 last year) 16 school districts (11 last year) University of Utah scored 600 essays last week. Still pending scoring at WSU. The Committee needs any connections at other local universities to score additional essays (each should have 2 reads). The DtWT luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 12:30-2:00 at the Governor's Mansion. Keynote speaker is tentatively planned to be Olympic U.S. Speed Skater, Derrick Parra. Shaena Lemprecht is working on a commercial for next year.</p> <p>DMC Committee – Pat Berckman Plan to have the assessment plan started by April 30. Groundwork has been laid with the data subcommittee. Cuong provided more specific information on youth for local community leaders. UCJC hope to have a proposal completed by the next meeting and will present their proposal at that time. The biggest issue is accessing local police departments' files. Cuong is working with CODA to start developing relationships with local police departments to lay the ground work to access their files as part of the assessment. The assessment will cover the following 5 counties: Salt Lake, Utah, Weber, Cache and Washington.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Reg Garff
Notes	<p>Grant Budget Review – The 2008 Title II has \$11,194 remaining that must be spent prior to Sept. 2011; and the 2009 Title II has \$37,359 (\$30,000 set aside for DMC Assessment). The 2010 Title II has \$71,814 remaining.</p> <p>Youth Incorporated provided a letter requesting \$4,000 to cover 26 scholarships for the Troubled Youth Conference.</p> <p>The Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders Association submitted a letter requesting \$4,000 to</p>

	<p>fund scholarships for the upcoming national conference to be held here in Utah October 15-19, 2011. The scholarships would be available only to Utahans.</p> <p>Pam Vickrey made a motion to fund these two requests at \$4,000 each. Max Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman & Gini Highfield abstained.</p> <p>CCJJ Legislative Review: JJS Budget: JJS is the only Division of Human Services agency that reports to the Criminal Justice Subcommittee. JJS took the biggest hit of nearly all agencies at 8.5%. This is partly due to juvenile crime being down about 13%. JJS has unused beds, particularly in Detention and also in Secure Care. After much discussion, the subcommittee bumped JJS restorations up to #10 on the restore list (about \$7 million). Detention units can be closed down, but that limits the ability to classify and separate youth. JC Budget: 7% reduction proposed (winds up being a large part of their budget as a portion of the Court's budget is set [e.g. judges' salaries & facilities]. Equals \$7million or about 128 people. The Courts proposed closing 10 court houses state wide by consolidating buildings in counties where multiple court sites exist. A major portion of the cuts would be in juvenile court as their case loads are down, while case loads in District Court are up. DCFS Budget: Looking at \$21 million in cuts. DCFS' first priority was placed at number 17 on the restoration list. Hoping for some restorations.</p> <p>HB 48S3 – Juvenile Fingerprinting: Print all youth felonies when taken into custody at the Detention Centers. Also print all Class A misdemeanors upon disposition (would have to be part of probation order). Has now passed the House. Pat Berckman made a motion to oppose this bill. Pam Vickery seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Law enforcement already has the opportunity to finger print juveniles as they deem necessary. This bill casts a wide net without providing the opportunity for expungement. Adult prints are removed from the database when their record is expunged. Juvenile prints remain in the system in perpetuity, regardless of expungement. HB181 – Child Care Amendments: Limits after-school programs. In committee. HB341 – Interview of a Child Not in Protective or Legal State Custody: Would limit law enforcement's ability to interview minors without their parents present. House rules committee.</p> <p>Gaby was recognized by Gini Highfield for her willingness to be alternate on the FACJ and was presented with a certificate from OJJDP.</p>
Agenda Item	UBJJ Outcome Evaluation by U of U Criminal Justice Center – Matt Davis
Notes	<p>The web site is now providing a much more detailed look at each program. However, a simplified version is also now provided that will make reporting to the legislature much easier.</p> <p>The site visits are being conducted right now and for the most part, programs have made changes based on last year's recommendations. Many are now using evidence based models.</p> <p>That said, there seems to be a drift back to original practices that is creeping in. This drift also occurs as programs expand to serve kids outside the target area.</p> <p>Chari Brummer made a motion to adjourn. Pat Berckman seconded.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, March 17, 2011 , Utah State Capitol, Senate Building, Copper Room

Minutes prepared by Reg Garff – JJ Specialist